

Social Studies Update

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Iowa Social Studies Update

There's a lot of exciting things happening in social studies around the state.

Best Practices Institute

Mark your calendar for the Best Practices Institute. This two day institute will take place June 24-25 at the State Historical Museum of Iowa. It will be free for any K-12 social studies teacher in Iowa. License renewal credit will also be available. Registration will open in March!

Medal of Honor Foundation Workshop

The Medal of Honor Foundation will be coming to Des Moines on June 26th for a one-day workshop. Their materials include lesson plans on each of the Medal of Honor recipients and a short video clip introducing that recipi-

ent. Each lesson is centered around an element of good character. This workshop will be free for any K-12 teacher who is interested. Stay tuned for more information.

Iowa Council for the Social Studies Annual Conference

The Iowa Council for the Social Studies Conference is taking place October 6th-7th at the Prairie Meadows Conference Center in Altoona, IA. The evening of the 6th, two-hour workshops will take place and the full conference will begin on October 7th. Department of Education Director Brad Buck will be at the Conference to share an update on social studies education in the State. In addition, many great teachers and organizations from around

the state and nation will be presenting.

Interested in submitting a session proposal for the conference? Go to <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1AD4MshWR4MIBMdZgK4m9HsiMs4oXgigHApwiLDNHd1g/viewform> For more information about the conference go to www.iowasocialstudies.org. Registration will be opening in May.



SAVE THE DATE!

Literacy Corner: Seeing "Text" as More Than Text

Oftentimes, when we hear the word text, we think of written text. The Core promotes the increased use of informational text. However, can informational text be seen as more than the written word? I would argue yes! Text can be images, maps, song, art, etc. The trick is figuring out how to best approach the use of these different "texts."

Take this image for example.



I might ask students to record what they see- not what they think they see, but what they actually see. Then, I might ask them to hypothesize about the date or place of the photograph. Finally, I would ask students

to question the photograph. What other information do they need? What would they like to ask the person who took the photograph?

This image was taken by Lewis Hine and is entitled "Reader in a Cigar Factory."

For additional resources on analyzing other "text" see

<http://www.loc.gov/teachers/usingprimarysources/>

Social Studies News

The Monuments Men

The Monuments Men was released in theaters February 7th. The film tells the story of a group of men who helped rescue and return over five million cultural artifacts, stolen by the Nazis, during and after WWII. The main character in the film is based off of George Stout, an Iowan. Read more about that [here](#). For lesson plans and resources about the story go to www.monumentsmeneducation.com

Article: *You Have to Know History to Actually Teach It*

Eric Foner, a renowned scholar on Abraham Lincoln, discusses the importance of knowing the content of history. He argues that in order to be great teachers of history, we must have a firm grasp on the historical content and the “big picture” of that content. Check it out at <http://www.theatlantic.com/education/archive/2014/01/you-have-to-know-history-to-actually-teach-it/282957/>

Six Proven Practices for Effective Civic Learning

The National Center for Learning and Civic Engagement recently released a guidebook on the six proven practices for effective civic learning. These six practices are:

1. Provide instruction in government, history, law, and democracy.
2. Incorporate discussion of current issues
3. Provide opportunities for service learning
4. Offer access to extracurricular opportunities
5. Encourage participation in school governance
6. Encourage participation in simulations of democracy

<http://www.ecs.org/clearinghouse/01/10/48/11048.pdf>

Social Studies Resources

17 Online Sources with Extensive Propaganda Collections

This blog post provides access to seventeen other websites that include extensive propaganda collections. These collections include access to WWI and WWII propaganda posters. In addition, there are resources around propaganda from other countries.

<http://bit.ly/NUcQ0E>

WWII Museum Digital Collections

The WWII Museum has recently launched a public website for access to their entire digital collection. This website includes veteran testimonies, images, documents, etc. It is a great resource for a teacher or student doing research on WWII. Check it out at www.ww2online.org.

New Issue of History Now

History Now is a free, quarterly online journal that is published by the Gilder Lehrman Institute. Each quarter, the journal focuses on a different theme in history. The most recent issue focuses on the Transcontinental Railroad. Each issue includes essays by noted historians, lesson plans, and primary sources, etc. Check out the most recent issue by going to www.historynow.org.

“The road must be built, and you are the man to do it. Take hold of it yourself. By building the Union Pacific, you will be the remembered man of your generation.”

-Abraham Lincoln

Bill of Rights in Action

The Bill of Rights in Action is a free, quarterly publication by the Constitutional Rights Foundation. Each issue features world history, US history, and government connections to the Bill of Rights.

Check out the latest issue by going to http://www.crf-usa.org/images/pdf/members/bria_29_2_web.pdf

Read Works Social Studies Passages

Read Works is a great website to access K-8 reading passages in various subject areas. The reading level of the passages are included as well as text based questions about the passage. They have an entire K-8 social studies page. Check it out at <http://tinyurl.com/mwhmvp5>.

Atlas of the Historical Geography of the United States

The Atlas of the Historical Geography of the United States explores, in visual format, the history of the United States. You can see the history of boundary lines, population changes, Indian territory, etc. Check it out at <http://dsl.richmond.edu/history/atlas/>

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World War II Resources

Many of you might know about the WWII Memorial in Washington DC. However, did you also know that there is an entire website devoted to providing resources about the story of the memorial? Check it out at

<http://www.wwiimemorialfriends.org>.

In addition, there's a new resource about yearbooks from across the country during the war. Check it out at <http://www.wv2yearbooks.org/yearbooks>

50 Core Documents in Teaching US History

The Ashbrook Center at Ashland University has developed a resource called the 50 Core Documents That Tell America's Story. This resource can be downloaded for free by visiting <http://teachingamericanhistory.org/50docs/>. It can also be downloaded as an iBook or onto a Kindle or Nook. Check it out! This would be a great resource for any US History class!

Teaching with the Library of Congress

Recently, the Library of Congress and National History Day partnered together to offer a webinar about using primary sources effectively. The webinar also discusses how to help students through the NHD process. Check it out at <http://tps.colorado.adobeconnect.com/teachinglc/>

Article: Using Historical Documents to Spark Student Voice

Check out this recent article from Education Week about how to use primary sources to spark student voice. <http://www.edweek.org/tm/articles/2014/02/24/ctq-keigan.html?cmp=ENL-TU-NEWS1>



National Archives UStream TV

The National Archives now has a UStream TV channel. This means you can now view many events offered at the National Archives live and then see the recorded version if you miss the event. Check it out at <http://m.ustream.tv/usnationalarchives>

House Divided Project

Looking for more material to teach about Abraham Lincoln? Check out the House Divided Project. They have a short, six minute video that narrates Lincoln's autobiographical sketch in his own voice and a tool for annotating that text. They also have resources around the compelling question- Was Lincoln self made or self invented? Check it out at <http://housedivided.dickinson.edu/>

*"We owe our
WWII veterans-
and all our
veterans- a debt
we can never
fully repay."
-Doc Hastings*

Behavioral Sciences Resources

The American Psychological Association (APA) and TOPPS (Teachers of Psychology in Secondary Schools) are offering the following opportunities:

- [TOPPS Competition for High School Psychology Students](#)

This essay competition requires students to describe the biopsychosocial factors that contribute to obesity and offer a solution. Deadline is April 1.

- [APF Professional Development Award for High School Psychology Teachers](#)

This funds up to \$500 for teachers to travel and attend the APA Convention August 7-10. Deadline is April 1.

- [Clark University Workshop](#)

Deadline is April 15.

- [APA Convention Award Program for High School Teachers and Students](#)

- [APF High School Psychology Teacher Network Grants](#)

- [APA Convention](#)

This takes place August 7-10 in Washington DC.

Social Studies Awards, Grants, and Competitions

We the People

Are you a teacher who has participated in We the People in the past? Or, have you heard of We the People and would like to know more? Iowa is trying to revive its We the People program. If you are interested in learning more please email Stefanie Wager at stefanie.wager@iowa.gov.



Founders Fellowship

The Bill of Rights Institute is offering two competitive application programs this summer.

- Program 1: Civil Liberty, Commerce and the Constitution (July 14-18 in DC)
- Program 2: Liberty and Security (July 21-24 in Philadelphia)

Apply by going to <http://www.tfaforms.com/298241>. For more information go [here](#).

Professional Development

ICSS on Air: Resources for Elementary Social Studies Teachers

The Iowa Council for the Social Studies recently hosted a Google Hangout around resources for elementary teachers of social studies. Check out the recorded video by going to <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CmXLLnlnVIg&app=desktop>. For a full list of all of the recorded Hangouts check out www.iowasocialstudies.org.

Hoover Library- The Presidential Primary Sources Project

The Presidential Primary Sources Project offers a series of free fifty minute videoconferencing programs sponsored by the US Presidential Libraries and the National Park Service. For more information check out https://docs.google.com/document/d/1QtzS5fQ9fj-9xdygzZ5WRPhdpFlRqYnof_pfcH8vko8/edit

Teachers for Global Classrooms

Bring the world to your classroom! IREX is a year long professional development opportunity for US middle and high school teachers which aims to globalize teaching and learning. The program includes an online course that helps teachers integrate global education into their curriculum, a Global Education Symposium in Washington DC, and 2-3 week international travel fellowship and much more. Apply by going to www.irex.org/tgc.



March Observance Day Resources

Women's History Month

- National Women's History Project
<http://www.nwhp.org/>
- National Women's History Museum
<http://nwhm.org/>
- Women of Power Lesson Plans

(National Constitution Center)

- <http://tinyurl.com/k9aeydp>
- Seize the Vote Game
<http://tinyurl.com/k39ycye>
- Civics in Literature Connection
[http://constitutioncenter.org/media/files/Civics in Literature %20March%2029.pdf](http://constitutioncenter.org/media/files/Civics%20in%20Literature%20March%2029.pdf)

- Annenberg Learner- Women in a New Industrial Society
<http://tinyurl.com/lrt23wa>
- Marching for Women's Rights
<http://www.newseum.org/digital-classroom/front-pages/suffrage/suffrage-front-pages.aspx>

Professional Development

Civil War Washington Teacher Fellows Program

Join up to 25 teachers to learn about Abraham Lincoln, Frederick Douglass, and Washington DC during the Civil War. Sponsored by Ford's Theatre, President Lincoln's Cottage, and the National Park Service, this program takes place July 13-18. For more information check out <http://www.fords.org/home/education/teacher-programs/teacher-fellows>. Application deadline is April 4th.

Belfer National Conference for Holocaust Educators

The United States Holocaust Memorial Museum is offering a FREE workshop for social studies educators July 16-18 in Washington DC. For more information check out <http://www.ushmm.org/m/pdfs/20131127-belfer-conference-social-studies.pdf>

World War II Remembered: The Road to War

Join the Eisenhower Center for a week-long workshop June 6-13. The workshop will take place at the Eisenhower Presidential Library. Enrollment is limited to 20 teachers. Participants receive a \$500 stipend to cover costs. Go to www.eisenhower.archives.gov for more information. The deadline to apply is April 6th.



#SSCHAT
takes place
every Monday
night at 6 pm

Primarily Teaching with the National Archives

Each summer, the National Archives offers workshops at their DC location and most of their regional locations. This summer's workshops all focus on the theme, Leadership and Legacy, which matches the 2015 History Day theme. For more information go to <http://www.archives.gov/education/primarily-teaching/>

USS Midway Institute for Teachers

The USS Midway Museum's Institute for teachers will take place June 16-27 in San Diego. The Institute will cover the Cold War, Korean War, and Vietnam War eras including a focus on presidential decision making. Teachers will receive a \$1,000 stipend, partial travel reimbursement and many other resources. For more information go to <http://www.midway.org/midway-teacher-institute>. For more information contact jburns@midway.org.

Salisbury House: An Interdisciplinary Exploration

Imagine being able to explore the Salisbury House as a resource for your class! This on-site disciplinary workshop will engage participants in art, social studies, language arts, and science. The institute takes place June 9 & 10 at the Salisbury House from 8:00 – 4:30 each day. To sign up for credit go to www.heartlandaea.org. Course number is #ISO17999991501.

Master of Arts in American History and Government

Ashland University now offers a fully online Master of Arts degree in American History and Government. For more information about the program check out <http://teachingamericanhistory.org/masters/programs/ashbrook-establishes-new-online-master-of-arts-program-for-social-studies-teachers/>

Celebrate Bosnia & Herzegovina with CultureALL

Come celebrate Bosnia & Herzegovina with CultureALL. This exciting event takes place March 29, 2014 at the Windsor Heights Community Center. Tickets are \$15. Hear the voices, taste the flavors, and learn the dances of this rich culture. Register at <http://cultureall.givezooks.com/events/living-cultures-bosnia-herzegovina>

MISIC and Geographic Alliance of Iowa Workshop

MISIC, the Geographic Alliance of Iowa and UNI are co-sponsoring a social studies workshop this summer. The workshop will be held at North Polk schools in Alleman, Iowa June 10-11 and 16-18. For more information check out http://misiciowa.org/uploads/GAI_MISIC_Summer_2014_Flyer.pdf